#### **Business and Industry**

If Lake Havasu City is to grow and if the quality of life is to improve for its citizens, the City must be helpful when possible and not be an impediment to the development of new and improved business and business opportunities.

The City and the Partnership for Economic Development have long sought to do those things that would improve the business climate and induce new, higher paying businesses to locate and prosper in Lake Havasu City. We believe that, within the limitations placed upon it, the City should continue those efforts. We believe that to that end, the City should:

Description	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	No Opinion
Facilitate the improvement and/or	155	248	73	36	31
redevelopment of Main Street.	29%	46%	13%	7%	6%
Proceed with the opening of the Industrial Park and recruit new businesses to occupy the park.	227 41%	216 39%	49 9%	22 4%	34 6%
Encourage new and existing businesses to provide more jobs for younger people in order to allow our emerging youth to remain here.	192 35%	265 48%	42 8%	6 1%	42 8%
Make incremental improvements to the airport to encourage our emerging general aviation industry.	124 23%	235 43%	102 19%	40 7%	45 8%
Find ways to rent out existing airport space.	146 27%	284 52%	37 7%	11 2%	65 12%
Develop area around airport for commercial	139	241	74	25	62
or industrial.	26%	45%	14%	5%	11%
Attract a call center type business to one of	85	187	72	37	158
our vacant properties.	16%	35%	13%	7%	29%
Another area we could explore is how we make the large number of retirees who choose to reside here become more part of the community.	136 25%	237 43%	60 11%	27 5%	85 16%
Encourage larger businesses to locate here.	283	205	30	13	15
	52%	38%	5%	2%	3%
Encourage the establishment of a casino.	103 19%	78 14%	109 20%	201 37%	54 10%

#### **Tourism**

We need to promote our City by highlighting our most attractive features:

Sunshine at least 320 days a year more than most areas of the country.

Open water sports and activities like golf all year around.

Exploring and hiking all year around.

Dry Climate for promoting better health.

Proximity to major vacation spots and resorts (Las Vegas, San Diego,

Los Angeles, Phoenix, Grand Canyon).

Aside from the English Village, there a number of areas where it appears the City can either provide or improve the climate for tourists and the tourism industry:

Description	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	No Opinion
Facilitate, build, or finance a new marina/boat docks/launching facility on the south side.	219	198	57	35	45
	40%	36%	10%	6%	8%
Provide incentives for the establishment of new restaurants and walking friendly business near the water and on main street.	241	213	51	30	18
	44%	39%	9%	5%	3%
Provide incentives for new hotels and resorts on the south side of town.	133	188	108	49	72
	24%	34%	20%	9%	13%
Provide more marketing of the City to increase our exposure to potential tourists.	154	257	66	33	40
	28%	47%	12%	6%	7%
Completely rework the signage in lower downtown and on the island so that tourists can better navigate in our City.	111	208	103	40	89
	20%	38%	19%	7%	16%
Provide a newer and better replacement for the stage under the bridge that burned a few years ago. Be permit friendly to groups who would then perform on that stage.	208 38%	223 41%	56 10%	28 5%	34 6%
Beach restoration and beautification (additional sand, scheduled volunteer clean up crew for the channel).	233	244	40	8	23
	43%	45%	7%	1%	4%
Provide restroom facilities, picnic tables and shades structures along the channel.	233	226	51	20	20
	42%	41%	9%	4%	4%
Develop logo and image branding consistent throughout Lake Havasu City and in marketing materials.	124	214	78	34	94
	23%	39%	14%	6%	17%

Tourism (continued)

Description	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	No Opinion
Beautification of both entrances of Lake	156	209	102	35	46
Havasu City (north & south ends).	28%	38%	19%	6%	8%
Beautification along Highway 95 in the City.	188	217	71	26	41
	35%	40%	13%	5%	8%
Encourage existing businesses to clean up	316	203	16	2	10
and beautify their property.	58%	37%	3%	0%	2%
Encourage new or existing businesses to					
offer more tourist activities, i.e., jeep trips,	159	260	43	16	66
horseback riding, Oatman trips, Segway	29%	48%	8%	3%	12%
tours, etc.					

#### **Parks & Recreation**

Parks may well be the entities that separate cities from villages. We have established a number of parks in Lake Havasu City. Some of them have been government projects but several have been the result of work and donations of private organizations. The people of Lake Havasu City use these parks in great numbers. It is evident to us that demand for park space and facilities will increase, never decrease, over time. With that in mind, we believe the City should:

Description	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	No Opinion
Establish an amusement park in conjunction	74	125	173	116	58
with the English Village.	14%	23%	32%	21%	11%
Establish a municipal golf course.	85	157	139	106	63
·	15%	29%	25%	19%	11%
Remodel and expand the Aquatic Center.	94	156	176	77	46
·	17%	28%	32%	14%	8%
Complete the proposed multi-use path in	89	214	98	52	86
Pima Wash.	17%	40%	18%	10%	16%
Expand Rotary Park.	123	236	108	25	51
	23%	43%	20%	5%	9%
Have the City manage and enforce regulations on State/BLM land in order to	109	199	93	58	86
provide citizen access to those lands.	20%	37%	17%	11%	16%
Maintain trails about town including those on	105	240	82	51	66
State/BLM lands.	19%	44%	15%	9%	12%
Provide parking lot support for Windsor	102	217	105	43	78
Beach State Park.	19%	40%	19%	8%	14%
Establish an indoor amusement park/place.	91	120	147	101	92
	17%	22%	27%	18%	17%
Have more activities for children.	196	231	64	16	44
	36%	42%	12%	3%	8%
Make improvements to neighborhood parks, i.e., Avalon to include playground equipment,	167	271	48	23	37
shelters and picnic facilities.	31%	50%	9%	4%	7%
Provide more waterfront access and public	233	214	58	13	32
beach.	42%	39%	11%	2%	6%
Provide outdoor swimming pools/water park.	107	136	163	87	52
	20%	25%	30%	16%	10%
Provide more meeting/private party rooms.	57	129	172	86	100
	10%	24%	32%	16%	18%
Provide indoor fitness and exercise facilities.	53	119	176	121	80
	10%	22%	32%	22%	15%

#### **Public Safety - Fire and Police Departments**

One of the primary functions of city government is the provision of public safety. During this period of economic uncertainty the Lake Havasu City Police Department and Fire Department have both shared in the reduction of funding compared to the recent past.

**Police Department** 

Fiscal Year:	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10
Number of employees:	127	127	123
Departmental budget:	\$13,352,240	\$13,695,330	\$11,477,483

Description	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	No Opinion
Funding should remain at this reduced lower level relative to other City services. The Police Department has demonstrated its ability to do more with less.	88	156	153	106	36
	16%	29%	28%	20%	7%
Funding should be raised to earlier levels relative to inflation and other City services. The Police Department is doing a good job and needs our support.	167	169	119	50	32
	31%	31%	22%	9%	6%
Funding should be drastically increased. We face a law enforcement crisis.	42	73	193	128	80
	8%	14%	37%	25%	16%

**Fire Department:** 

Fiscal Year:	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10
Number of employees:	95	95	85
Departmental budget:	\$11,834,988	\$11,466,338	\$9,249,768

Description	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	No Opinion
Funding should remain at this reduced lower level relative to other City services. The Fire Department has demonstrated its ability to do more with less.	94	164	141	101	34
	18%	31%	26%	19%	6%
Funding should be raised to earlier levels relative to inflation and other City services. The Fire Department is doing a good job and needs our support.	152	162	128	57	32
	29%	31%	24%	11%	6%
Funding should be drastically increased. We face enormous challenges in this area.	57	64	196	131	69
	11%	12%	38%	25%	13%

# **Cultural Development**

The arts and cultural activities improve the quality of life for many communities. With that in mind, we believe the City should:

Description	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	No Opinion
Provide or maintain additional venues for	105	277	113	47	59
performing arts.	19%	41%	21%	9%	11%
Provide or maintain additional venues for	75	182	163	57	70
museums.	14%	33%	30%	10%	13%
Provide or maintain additional venues for	78	194	153	55	65
visual arts, i.e., art galleries.	14%	36%	28%	10%	12%
Partner with local groups to increase the number of cultural events – concerts, plays, art exhibits, etc.	183 33%	259 47%	46 8%	25 5%	36 7%
Create an annual arts and cultural event showcasing the variety of cultures we have in Lake Havasu City.	141 26%	221 40%	95 17%	31 6%	59 11%
Create a "map" of the cultural events in the	127	238	85	31	63
City.	23%	44%	16%	6%	12%
Research the "needs" for cultural events in	122	222	100	59	41
the City.	22%	41%	18%	11%	8%

## **Transportation**

Our understanding is that maintenance of streets and roads within Lake Havasu City, except Highway 95, is a mandated function of the City. As with virtually every city in America, the maintenance of those streets is sometimes a frustration to the citizens.

Description	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	No Opinion
I feel the City does an adequate job	62	331	89	30	21
maintaining the streets.	12%	62%	17%	6%	4%
I feel the City does a good job maintaining	51	257	148	45	26
the streets.	10%	49%	28%	9%	5%
I feel the City does an excellent job	42	133	198	95	48
maintaining the streets.	8%	26%	38%	18%	9%
The City should do what it can to improve the situation where streets are used as storm drainage.	132 24%	309 57%	43 8%	12 2%	45 8%
The City should review and improve the intersections where necessary, including more traffic lights at high volume intersections (Rainbow and Acoma).	125 23%	238 44%	104 19%	37 7%	39 7%
Add street lights.	75	104	144	164	49
	14%	19%	27%	31%	9%
Advertise the transit system (Havasu Area	98	235	81	52	77
Transit, HAT) and expand it.	18%	43%	15%	10%	14%
The City should do what it can to improve	78	209	111	48	95
commercial/retail parking availability.	14%	39%	21%	9%	18%